

On p. 18, at Example 14 insert --®-- after "Vestoplast"

On p. 19, at Examples 18, 19, 24-26 insert --®-- after "Lunatack"

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 13-32, add claims 33-42 and amend claims 1-2 as follows:

Sub 1 1. A method of coating a thermoplastic composition [from a coating device] onto a substrate, said method comprising the steps of:

- a 2* a) making [said] a thermoplastic composition flowable;
- b) advancing [said] a substrate along a path;
- c) dispensing a continuous film of said thermoplastic composition from [said] a coating device at a coating temperature wherein the complex viscosity of the thermoplastic composition is less than about 500 poise at about 1000 radians/second and ranges from about 100 poise to about 1,000 poise at about 1 radian/second;
- d) suspending said film [of said composition being dispensed] between said coating device and said substrate [prior to];
- e) contacting said film with said advancing substrate.

Sub 1 2 2. The method according to claim 1, wherein said substrate is [a] selected from the group consisting of textile material, heat sensitive materials, paper, hook and loop fastening webs, polyethylene materials, and nonwoven.

New Claims

A 3 Sub 21 33. A method of coating a hot melt adhesive onto a substrate, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) making a hot melt adhesive composition flowable;

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- b) advancing a substrate along a path;
- c) dispensing a continuous film of said hot melt adhesive composition from a coating device;
- d) suspending said film between said coating device and said substrate;
- e) contacting said film with said advancing substrate.

34. The method according to claim 33, wherein said substrate is selected from the group consisting of textile material, heat sensitive materials, paper, hook and loop fastening webs, polyethylene materials, and nonwoven.

35. The method according to claim 33, wherein the coating device is spaced from the path of the substrate at a distance between about 0.5 to about 20 mm.

36. The method according to claim 33, wherein the coating device is a slot nozzle.

37. The method according to claim 33, wherein the hot melt adhesive is dispensed onto the substrate such that the coating weight is less than about 30 g/m².

38. The method according to claim 33, wherein the hot melt adhesive is coated at a rate of at least about 200 meters/minute.

39. The method according to claim 33, wherein the hot melt adhesive is released from the coating device at a temperature less than about 160°C.

40. The method according to claim 33, wherein the hot melt adhesive is released from the coating device at a temperature less than about 125°C.